

FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Field Operations Bureau is the largest bureau in the Department and handles response to calls for service, court liaison, traffic enforcement, and investigations and includes various specialized tactical units. The Field Operations Bureau Commander is responsible for the operation of the Patrol Division, the Special Operations Division, and the Criminal Investigation Division.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the largest segment of the Field Operations Bureau. There are four police districts within the Patrol Division: Northern, Eastern, Western, and Southern. Each patrol district is responsible for the initial response and investigation of calls for service, repression of crime, deterrence of possible criminal activity through high visibility patrol, protection of life and property, traffic enforcement and preservation of public peace.

PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING SECTION

Additionally, each police district maintains tactical and investigative units within a Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Section. Each POP Section is comprised of a Team Police Unit, a Tactical Patrol Unit (TPU), a Domestic Violence Officer, and a Police And Community Together (PACT) component. The Team Police Unit has primary responsibility to investigate property crimes and other criminal activity. The Tactical Patrol Unit has primary responsibility to render a tactical response to criminal activity occurring within their respective patrol district as directed by the district commander. The Domestic Violence Officer pro-actively investigates domestic violence incidents. The PACT component in each district serves as liaison with the communities and assists with development of pro-active community relations programs.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Special Operations Division is comprised of the Special Operations Section and the Traffic Safety Section.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION

The Special Operations Section includes the Quick Response Team (QRT), the K-9 Unit, and the Aviation Unit. The QRT and K-9 Units provide tactical support for extraordinary police situations (i.e., hostage, barricade, terrorist), selective patrol and narcotics operations, and provide dignitary protection. In addition, the Aviation Unit provides aerial tactical support of ground units including traffic enforcement, aerial observation and pursuit, recovery of missing persons, search and rescue, tactical patrol operations, and extraordinary police incidents. The Aviation Unit maintains three helicopters, one Bell 407 and two OH-58 surplus army helicopters, that are flown by officers who are certified pilots.

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

The Traffic Safety Section is tasked with the responsibility of traffic enforcement, investigation of all fatal motor vehicle accidents, accident reconstruction, and the administration of highway safety grant programs. The Traffic Safety Section also coordinates the School Crossing Guard program that provides school children walking to school with safe passage across busy roads and dangerous intersections.